SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Sir, in the last session I had asked this particular question and the then Defence Minister, Shri Venkataraman, had totally denied that there was espionage in Jammu & Kashmir in that particular area which I pointed out. Now, the hon. Minister says that two NCOs have been caught and one other rank. I have definite information that one officer of the rank of Major has also been caught. I do not know why the Defence Ministry is shielding him. I think in the next session he will probably admit to that also. I believe information has been given to certain personage agents. I would like to know what exact secrets of the Indian Army have been passed on to Pakistan and I would like to submit that it is a matter of grave concern that espionage is going on. Now, we have had the case of Larkins brothers. I think the Government should firmly deal with such cases. The accused should be court-martialled and the people who have been caught red handed the severest punishment must be given or the penalty of death must be given to these treacherous people. I would like to ask the hon. Minister now exactly what information was passed by these two NCOs and one other rank and whether a Major in the Army is also involved or not.

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: The hon. Member is very right. He had asked question last time which was answered by me and it was Unstarred Question No. 1117 dated 8th May, 1984. The answer that I had given was on a question by Shri Dharam Chander Prashant. I had said: The matter is under investigation. Pending completion of detailed investigation, it would not be possible to state whether there has been any espionage or if any armed forces personnel were involved. Sir, this was in the month of May.

Now, the information which has been received from the intelligence agencies as well as the Army Headquarters regarding general background of this case is, two civilians, one Farooq Khan and one Abdul Karim from Chanipura in the police station Tangdhar were arrested on 15th February, 1984. The search by local police of the persons showed Pakistani currency worth Rs. 50 and a task slip reportedly given by the Pakistani intelligence officer. During interrogation these suspects appear to have aleged that a number of persons from the Army and para-military forces were involved in the espionage activities. On further information from police and investigation agencies, the local Army authorities undertook an investigation into this case and two Non-Commissioned Officers, one Havildar Cook, and another L. Naik Safaiwala, a recruit, were found to have been involved. *Prima facie* case exists that these three gentlement were involved. Further investigation was undertaken into Havildar Cook and L. Naik Safaiwala passing some army documents which they had stolen, to their civilian contacts, and then it was also found during investigation that Recruit Aksar Mir was reported to have been acting as courier even before his recruitment in the JK Light Infantry. Investigations are still continuing to find out whether other names which have been mentioned.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: One Major.

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: No Major has been mentioned; no officer has been mentioned, Major, or otherwise. Investigations are continuing to find out whether other names mentioned as belonging to armed forces as well as the para-military forces are, in any way, involved or not.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think we leave it there. If you want further discussion, you will have to ask more questions. Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Interpretation of Salyut-7 images for Geological Analysis

*224. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that interpretation of the images of India transmitted by spacecraft Salyut-7 has commenced for geological analysis to explore petroleum potential?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): Yes, Sir; photographs taken during the Remote Sensing Experiment 'TERRA' conducted during the Joint Indo-Soviet manned Space flight are in

the process of analysis in the USSR and in India. Results of the analysis are expected to yield information about the country's natural resources including its petroleum potential.

Indian Trade Fair in Moscow

*228. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Trade Fair Authority of India is organising an Indian Trade Fair in Moscow from August 15, 1984 for a month;

(b) if so, the names of the companies and also the States which are participating in the Fair; and

(c) what is Government's expectation of the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 410 companies from public and private sectors, including the Export Corporations of Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra and Himachal Pradesh are participating.

A statement showing the names of the participants is laid on the Table of the House (*See* Appendix CXXXI, Annexure-No. 34].

(c) The exhibition is expected to result in expanding and diversifying India's trade with USSR.

Japanese loan for thermal power plants in India

*229. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Japan has made an offer to step up loan for thermal power plants in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The Government of Japan have been traditionally extending finacial assistance to India for infrastructure projects in sectors such as fertilizers, telecommunications, power (both hydel and thermal), rail transport etc. The Government of Japan have so far extended financial assistance for the following thermal power projects:—

(1)	Chandrapur Thermal Power Project of the Electricity Board.	Assam State Yen 1·420 Billion (equivalent to Rs. 5·2 crores approximately).
(2)	Anpara Thermal Power Project of the Pradesh State Electricity Board.	Uttar Yen 24·1 Billion (equivalent to Rs. 88·2 crores approxmately).

2. While the loan agreement for Chandrapur Thermal Power Project has already been signed in 1981, the loan agreement for Anpara 'B' Thermal Power Project is under negotiation.

3. Loan assistance in respect of both projects will be repayable over a period of 30 years including a grace period of 10 years from the date of signing of the loan agreement. The loan carries an interest rate of 2.75 per cent per annum, according to the Inter-Governmental agreements on these projects.

Increase per capita emoluments of public sector employees

*230. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:
SHRI NARENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while the per capita emoluments of public sector employees has risen by 196 per cent between 1971-72 and 1981-82, the price index had gone up only by 140 per cent: